

LANGLEY THE HERO OF QUANTICO FOLKS POLICEMAN DYSON MAY BE PLACED ON THE RACK

Inventor of Aerodrome a Household Word in Dilapidated Virginia Village.

Quantico should be rechristened Langley.

The distinguished secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and his flying machine have rescued the dilapidated Virginia town from oblivion. Drowsy villagers who were awakened by the Langley experiments at Quantico in 1896 have again come to life, and some of them have even walked four miles down the Potomac to Widewater, where Prof. Langley and his assistants are now preparing to test the aerodrome.

All the anecdotes told in the Quantico general stores date from "the time Prof. Langley was here." All the ghost stories center about the "flying machine" that the Washington scientist had at the Mount Vernon Ducking Club.

Whenever a passenger alights from the train at Quantico he is asked if he knows Prof. Langley. President Roosevelt is a frequent visitor at the Mount Vernon Ducking Club, but the Quantico man has no time to talk of ordinary human beings. It is doubtful if the man who walked on water would be able to attract attention in the town where Langley is a household word, and the children cry for the aerial navigator.

Shrine of Quanticoans.

The Mount Vernon Ducking Club is the shrine at which the residents of Quantico worship. It is located on Chappawamsic Island, three-quarters of a mile from the Virginia shore. The wooded island contains eleven acres. A clubhouse and several cottages belonging to members, stand among the great trees. But these hold little attraction for the Langleyites. On the west shore of the island is a mysterious little houseboat, surrounded by a queer frame from which the original aerodrome took its flight years ago.

This crude houseboat was abandoned by Prof. Langley for his more pretentious ark, and has stood for years just off the shore of the island. Dragons and mermaids appear about this boat at night, so some of the negroes who live near the island say. Sometimes a kind of a fire god has been seen leaving the strange craft at midnight. Queer noises

come from the boat at times. They usually resemble the cries of birds.

Headquarters at the Club.

Few Virginians go to the little island. A row of three-quarters of a mile is too much for the Virginians. It is easier to stand on the mainland and gaze with wonder at the roof which shelters the man who purposes to fly like a bird.

Although Prof. Langley has anchored his great ark at Widewater, where he can conduct his experiments with more secrecy, he still makes his headquarters at the club, where Lawson Betts and his family look after the wants of the eminent scientist and his associates. A launch carries the aerial navigators back and forth between the island and their queer ark.

Quantico is printed on the map in slightly larger type than Widewater, and more trains stop there than at Widewater. Consequently Quantico is airship headquarters. Newspaper men, scientists, and sightseers leave the train there and begin a four-mile tramp down the river in search of the man-made bird which is attracting so much attention.

Waiting for Something to Happen.

There are few roads in the vicinity of Quantico and fewer conveyances. It is fifteen miles from Quantico to Widewater by wagon road, and the number of horses guaranteed to make that distance in a day are limited. Steamboats have no landings along that part of the Virginia shore. Rowboats are scarce and rowers are even scarcer. The railroad track is the shortest distance between the two towns, and the man who is not fond of walking had better keep away from Quantico.

People in Quantico are waiting for something to happen. They think perhaps Prof. Langley is what they have been looking for. Twenty years ago a New York banker took a great fancy to the site upon which the town is located and bought up thousands of acres surrounding it. He then built a great four-story hotel, laid off streets, planted trees, and offered lots for sale. The trees grew, but the town didn't.

The railroad built through the town shortly after it was laid out. The banker who was backing the hotel died and it fell into ruins. People in Quantico used to attribute the town's lack of prosperity to the railroad. Now they think Max Lansburgh, of Washington, the present owner of the town site, is ruining the place because he will not sell any of his property.

Dr. Langley has rescued Quantico from obscurity for the time being. The large crowd of visitors recalls the days when the old hotel was not a weather-beaten ruin, and the old residents of the deserted town are dreaming of a revival of the good times when steamers stopped at Quantico and building lots were for sale.

VETERAN ENGINEERS ARE PLACED ON RETIRED LIST

Brings About a Number of Promotions. Recommendations of Chief Belt Are Approved.

Commissioner Macfarland yesterday afternoon approved the recommendation of Chief Engineer Belt, of the Fire Department, that engineers F. Donnelly and J. Moriarty be placed on the retired list at a monthly pension of \$50. Both applicants for retirement have been in the service of the Fire Department for thirty-three years.

Chief Belt has also recommended that Michael J. Barry and John M. Wooster, senior firemen, be appointed engineers, vice Donnelly and Moriarty; that private George Nussbaum and Stephen B. D. Rollins be appointed firemen, vice Barry and Wooster promoted; that George W. Taylor and Theodore Delavigne, senior watchmen, be appointed private firemen, vice Nussbaum and Rollins promoted; and that Harry V. Belt and Fred D. Blake be appointed watchmen from the eligible list. Commissioner Macfarland has approved all these recommendations.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return Every Saturday and Sunday via B. & O. R. R.

All trains, both ways, both days, except Royal Limited, leaving Washington 3 and Baltimore 7:30 p. m.

Damaging Evidence Against Him in Gillott Trial.

HE HAD INFLUENCE FOR SALE

That Is the Charge Made by Witnesses. Negro Policeman on the Stand.

As the result of the counter charges preferred at the final hearing of the trial board yesterday in the case of Policeman Joseph L. Gillott, of the Second precinct, it is not unlikely that a similar investigation may be begun against another policeman when final disposition has been made of the present case.

This belief is based on the allegations brought out by the defense through a discharged negro policeman, J. T. Crown, and which implicate Crossing Policeman Frederick W. Dyson, also a negro, of the Sixth precinct, whose testimony conflicts with that of several other witnesses.

Crown's Testimony.

The substance of Crown's unexpected evidence was that he had been approached by Dyson while an applicant for a position on the force three years ago, and informed that he would find an easy money to be paid to Dyson. Subsequently, Crown says, he became suspicious, and asked to be shown evidences of the "influence" that would help him. Following his suggestion Dyson seemed anxious to drop the matter, the witness asserted, and he obtained an appointment without the assistance of anyone.

Before Crown was examined by the board Joseph Mossburg, an unsuccessful candidate for appointment, was again called upon to testify. His statements centered around a conversation between Dyson and Policeman John M. Mahaney, also of the Sixth precinct, which has proven the source of troublesome complications.

While the two men were talking they were approached by a young man who asked for Gillott. After the stranger had departed, one of the two remarked: "there goes a man who paid \$50 for his position." Each accuses the other of having made this statement.

Common Talk on the Force.

From the tenor of Mossburg's testimony he had talked to Gillott, in connection with the \$50 episode, and, the witness intimated, the accused private had confessed accepting the money. He also said the incident was common talk among policemen, and that the affair had been mentioned to him by several persons. The witness also questioned the declaration of Mahaney that he could not tell whether or not the young man in question was Mossburg. Mossburg said he had known Mahaney for two years.

The next witness was Policeman C. W. Gwynne, of the Sixth precinct, who was interviewed by Mossburg last week in regard to the conflicting testimony of Mahaney and Dyson. He said he had been approached by Mossburg last week, and had refused to discuss the matter, directing him to go to Dyson for any information, on account of the latter's ill feeling toward Gillott. He also declared he had seen Dyson and Mossburg together every day for a week, in direct contradiction of a sworn statement by the latter.

Mahaney was then sworn in and reiterated his testimony. He was followed by Crown, whose evidence turned the tables and may result in additional investigation. Before the hearing was closed Gillott furnished some further testimony, and the hearing was concluded with a speech by Wilton J. Lambert, attorney for the accused.

The board will prepare its recommendation immediately, and the case will be turned over to the District Commissioners for final action.

TO REBUILD FIRE ENGINES.

Commissioner Macfarland has approved a recommendation from Chief Engineer Belt, of the Fire Department, asking that one of the department's first-class Clapp & Jones engines be rebuilt. The work will cost approximately \$2,400, for which sealed proposals will be advertised by the Commissioners.

\$56.25 to San Francisco and Return Via B. & O. R. R.

Account National Encampment G. A. R. Tickets sold July 21 to August 13 valid for return until October 15. Returning via Portland \$11 additional. Full information in detail cheerfully furnished upon application to B. & O. R. R. agents.

COURT PASSES UPON COPYRIGHT QUESTION

Decides Commissioner of Patents Has Judicial Authority.

The District Court of Appeals has decided that the Commissioner of Patents is not merely a ministerial officer, but is required, before recording prints or labels, to determine whether the matter presented is a print or label within the meaning of the statutes.

This decision was handed down in the case of Frederick I. Allen against the Regina Music Box Company, and is of great importance to persons who are interested in the registering of copyrights, either in the Patent office or the Library of Congress. The decision of the Commissioner on the label or print is held by the court to be final.

An application was made by the Regina Music Box Company for the registration of an alleged label. Upon Commissioner Allen's refusal to issue the copyright, application was made to the District Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus. This petition was granted, but the action of the lower court was reversed by the District Court of Appeals.

CHEVY CHASE LAKE IN A DISAPPEARING ACT

Chevy Chase Lake has disappeared. In place of the beautiful expanse of water is a pond of mud. The heavy rain of Sunday is responsible for the condition.

The rain, which resembled a cloud-burst, injured the dam which forms the lake, and since that time the waters have been steadily going down until now mud is all that is left.

The Capital Traction Company, which owns the resort, has begun to repair the damage, and will soon have a new dam in place. The work will consume about ten days, after which the artificial reservoir will be restocked with water.

Floral Perfections.

Gude's flowers are home-grown and the best specimens of their kind. 1224 F st.

GEN. M'ARTHUR WITNESS IN A POLICE COURT

His Chinese Cook Escapes Penalty Through His Testimony.

"We had General MacArthur in a police court out in San Francisco several weeks ago," said G. H. Thorson, of San Francisco, at the New Willard. "The brave Wisconsin commander was not there in the role of a prisoner, however, but to act as a witness in behalf of his Chinese cook, who had gotten into trouble by arguing too enthusiastically with a white citizen. The Mongolian, whose name was Yee Gee, insisted that he be allowed to have a witness called, and when he was asked whom he wanted he named General MacArthur."

"A subpoena was consequently prepared and served, and the general appeared in the court, although his civilian suit and quiet demeanor prevented him from being recognized by many of those present. His testimony was merely that Yee had possessed an excellent reputation in army circles and that he had never been known to get into trouble before. The general further added that if the court found it necessary to find the prisoner guilty it would be well to inflict a fine instead of imprisonment, and the witness would pay it."

"The court, however, decided that the general's word as to the past and his promise to watch over his servant in the future was sufficient to warrant his release and the case was dismissed. The general immediately invited the 'court' to come down and taste some of Yee's cooking, and received a promise that he would do so, and also received an invitation to dine with the court."

"Yee Gee listened to the progress of the case with a broad grin on his face, and at the conclusion looked gratefully at his benefactor and followed him meekly from the court room. Whether a court-martial followed later on has not been discovered."

\$10.00 to Niagara Falls and Return Via B. & O. Railroad July 31.

Special train of Pullman Parlor Cars and Day Coaches from Washington 8:30 a. m. Tickets good for ten days. Stop-overs returning. Route via Philadelphia and famous Lehigh Valley. Other excursions August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9.

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JULY CUT-PRICE SALES

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In the Sale of the Lloyd L. Jackson Co.'s, Baltimore, Entire Stock of

WASH GOODS

1/2 to 2/3 saved—1/3 to 1/2 to pay.

We bought more than 50,000 yards in one lot from this firm, the largest importers in the South, and with a widespread reputation for carrying nothing but high-class novelties. Probably half of the entire lot with full assortments of patterns and colors left for continuing the sale this week. If women who have not been here realized how eagerly the goods were picked up by those who came expressly for them, and those who only happened to find them on the counters, there would be none left to tell about later than Wednesday or Thursday.

50c Mohair Swiss Grenadine, 15c.

The colors are extremely good, including many black and white, handsome natural linen shaded grounds with white and green, light blue and white and black and white interwoven. Many are white grounds with dainty blue, yellow, black, tan, or green stripes.

Nearly every piece is a real grenadine weave or novelty lace effect. Some with highly mercerized stripes and others with rich lustrous satin stripes.

These goods never offered regularly less than 50c a yard. Choice from several hundred patterns, a yard. 15c

25c Lace Lawns and Alba Leno Swiss, 12 1/2c.

If it isn't good luck to get to buy at half price novelties that factories cannot turn out fast enough to supply orders—and to buy at nearly the beginning of the wearing season—it's something very close to it. That's the case with these two fabrics.

Alba Leno Swiss is very sheer, with white grounds and woven lace borders, in irregular shapes and black or colored designs.

The Lawns are in both braid and lace effects, mercerized and with the most charming little rosebud patterns. Choice, a yard. 12 1/2c

19c Novelties, 8 1/2c.

Six distinct styles in this lot.

Embroidered Swiss Dots, Windsor Papillon, Anemorie Lawns, Belvoir Cords, Figured Batiste, Sorrento Fancies.

These include white and colored grounds, some with dots and rosebuds, some with rich satin or lace stripes, some linen effects with white stripes, in dainty figured designs. All the latest of the 1903 designs. 8 1/2c

Women who don't object to hunting a little for combination of a suitable pattern and length will find in the Lawns, Figured Dimities, Corded Madras Lawns, and Swiss Lawns at 10c and 12 1/2c as original prices, one of the best chances to get dresses for almost nothing. A yard. 5 1/2c

First floor—Bargain tables.

WASH SUITS

At Cut Prices.

350 Plain Colored Madras Suits and 90 Striped Madras Suits, all in late catchy styles, made of good quality material, and finished with tucking, embroidery, every or open-work; most of the Percale Suits are in full yoke style. Reduced from \$4 to..... \$1.95

\$4.50, \$5, and \$5.95 White India Linon Dresses and Black-and-White Soft-finished Madras Dresses, and about six dozen Dotted Polka-dot Wash Suits; all made in tailored style, and with tailor finishing. Reduced to..... \$2.98

\$6.75 India Linon Suits, with full tucked waist and skirt finished with embroidery medallions. Reduced to..... \$5.00

About 50 Fine White Butcher Linon Suits, with embroidered waist and round length walking skirts that are big values at first price of \$7.50 are reduced to..... \$5.00

Embroidery, torchon, and cluny lace-trimmed Suits of white India Linon, that were \$10 and \$12.50, are now..... \$7.95

Pongee Dresses, with small dots and trimmed with lace medallions; reduced from \$10 to..... \$8.75

Only sixteen of these handsome Satin Poulard Silk Dresses, in black and blue polka-dot effects, that were \$12.75 to \$15, are left. The clearance price is..... \$9.75

See

Umbrellas and Parasols.

Continuing the sale of last week's special purchase. Prices for new merchandise at approximately the cost of repairing old ones.

We bought 2,000 and started the sale with most of them at half usual prices. How many are left we have not had time to count. The two days they were in the bargain section those tables were actually lined about with eager buyers, some of whom took away three or four.

Sale prices are:

\$1.85, \$1.09, and 69c for the Umbrellas, and \$1.98 and 98c for the Parasols.

The \$1.09 lot of Umbrellas was the largest and probably from the small price as well as the large values attracted greatest notice. The Umbrellas are all silk gloria, taffeta, piece-dyed and with plain or taped edges, each with a case to match. Sizes for men only left.

Sterling silver knob handle, ivory with silver trimming, silver-trimmed and plain horn and gun metal trimmings are found in the lot.

The frames are of paragon construction with steel rod, and not one of the grade that sells regularly less than \$2, and \$1.09 most of them up to \$3.50. Choice.....

CUT-PRICE PARASOLS.

We offer in somewhat limited quantity a lot of Parasols, including Tucked and Coaching styles, with Scotch fir handles, novelty Parasols with white centers and Holly Varden borders, and fancy heavy taffetas at the most surprising prices.

The greater quantity are worth \$2, but there are many that range above; quite a number at \$5, and a few at \$7. Choice..... \$1.98

For \$1.35 one may secure a Man's Plain Black Umbrella or a Woman's Sun and Rain Umbrella, plain and novelty colored silks, none of which are worth less than \$2, and many as much as \$5.

The handles are in both plain and natural sticks and silver and gold-trimmed sticks. Choice..... \$1.85

\$1.00 is the usual price of most of the umbrellas, both men's and women's styles, in the 69c lot; some are worth more.

They are made of English twilled gloria, mercerized, over paragon frames on steel rods.

There is an excellent assortment of novelty handles. At full price these are values that cannot be found every day. Choice..... 69c

First floor—Bargain tables.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.

10c to 15c Galloon Laces, in cream and ecru in one large assorted lot, patterns and sizes at, a yard..... 3c

French Valenciennes Lace Beading in 12-yard pieces for..... 12 1/2c

White and Ecru Cluny Insertion, a yard, 6c to 25c.

We've just received a new shipment containing many new choice patterns.

Cambric and Swiss Edgings, 10c grades, in a great variety of patterns, at, a yard..... 5c

Swiss, Cambric, and Nainsook edgings and Insertions, in this year's best selling patterns at 35c and 45c a yard. Cut price..... 17c

20c and 25c Cambric, Swiss, and Nainsook Edgings, Insertions, Beadings, and Galloons, in most ly dainty effects, at, a yard..... 12 1/2c

Cambric and Nainsook All-over Embroideries, in openwork patterns, reduced from \$1.75, \$2, and \$2.50 a yard, to..... \$1.25

First floor.

Waists of Smart Style at 50c.

The price until a few days ago was 89c. The offering gives to women who wish nice, neat waists, well made, and in the smartest possible style, not strictly all white; a chance to get them at less than could be reasonably expected so early in the season.

These are made of white lawn with polka dots. The style is a full blouse front with tucked back; large puff sleeves, and a very catchy tab stock of latest shape. Waist run in slack \$4 to 44. Choice at..... 50c

Second Floor.

White Goods—Cut Prices.

10c Victoria Lawn, 40-in. wide, a yd., 6 1/2c

15c Sheer Hemstitched Lawn, a yard..... 9c

25c White Oxford Suiting, a yd..... 15c

45c Sheer Batiste, a yard..... 25c

\$2 Quality Silk-finished English Nainsook, 12-yard pieces, for..... \$1.55

First floor.

Another Lot of Manufacturers' Sample and Mussed Summer Undermuslins.

The manufacturer says in his letter that we will not again this summer have a chance to say "another lot." This lot is somewhat larger than the last one. It contains muslin, cambric, lawn, and nainsook—

Gowns, Corset Covers, Chemise, Long Petticoats, Drawers, Short Petticoats.

The trimmings consist of fine nainsook and cambric embroidery and Val. and Point de Paris laces. This lot, while very large, contains no two garments of the same style. There are undergarments in this sale worth up to \$4. The sale prices are

39c 48c 68c 98c

Bargain counters—First floor.

Bed Spreads.

Three lots of summer bed coverings at cut prices. It's a good time to buy, for from now on cool nights when extra coverings are needed, will be more frequent.

9-4 Spreads, fully a half dozen different patterns, were 60c, cut price..... 49c

Full Size Spreads for double beds, hard-some Marcellines patterns; our regular \$1.25 spreads, at..... 98c

A few dozen of the Genuine Marcellines Spreads, with a variety of patterns; hemmed, ready for use; all full sizes, and our \$2.50 Spreads reduced to..... \$1.79

First Floor.

Cut Price Domestic.

9c White Cambric, 36 inches wide, and while stock lasts as much of it as you want at..... 6 1/2c

36-inch Muslin, 5c quality, and entirely free from any dressing. Tomorrow only..... 4 1/2c

Pillow Cases, 42 by 36 inches, or 45 by 36 inches, either Wamsutta or Utica Mills muslin. Regularly priced 18c and 20c. Tomorrow only at..... 15c

\$1 by 99 Bleached Sheets, made of New York Mills muslin. Our regular 71c Sheet—at..... 59c

72 by 90 inch Double Bed Unbleached sheets, seam in center—reduced from 40c for tomorrow's selling to..... 31c

First floor.